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Beryl and Stan

When I was about 17 years old, I had an idea for a T.V. show. I thought it was an original idea at the time. It would involve 4 rats locked in a cage in a laboratory and each episode would be about them planning an escape. The rats' names were Beryl, Stan, Trent and Kingsley.

I eventually realised that there were similar cartoons and somehow I'd even forgotten about Pinky and the Brain, a show that most people would think of if you suggested cartoon rodents in a science lab.

My ideas for the show were very specific. I would write down a synopsis for each episode and sometimes include a lot of details that weren't really that important the more I think about it.

The show was simply a vision and most likely always will be. I did start to sketch some designs of the main characters when I started my first year at university.

I kept experimenting with these designs and eventually I settled on a look for these 4 friends that satisfied me. The lab rats now had faces.

I continued to dream of the possibilities of this concept and imagined this T.V. series being followed by a film and people dressing up as these characters at conventions...

...then I joined YouTube and things changed. I like how the internet allows us to experiment and find out what might actually work for us. I was very into animation and now that I had an account, the next step was to supply content to the masses. I decided I would record my own voice and animated Stan on top of it because this would mean I could finally see my character come to life. It's funny how ideas naturally evolve. My cartoon only ended up as a 12 second clip but when I looked at the result, I became inspired. Yes, inspired by my own work.

I had a good friend at uni who took an interest in my animation work. Her name was Esme and I remember her watching my Stan cartoon and saying, "You should make Stan a girlfriend. I could do her voice."

I told Esme that Stan did have a girlfriend! That's what Beryl was supposed to be, even when the idea was only in my head.

So we made a cartoon together featuring Beryl and Stan. I didn't do a lot of animation after that, but when I started Beluga Weekly, I knew that Beryl and Stan ought to be part of it. I turned them into a comedy double act. Something which may never have happened had I not met Esme.



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SO, I'M LISTENING TO THE RADIO, AND SOME IDIOT PHONES IN AND REQUESTS ALL ALONG THE WATCHTOWER...

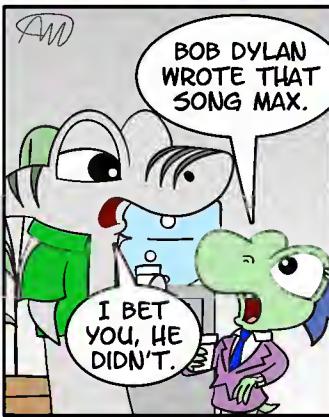
...NOT THE ORIGINAL HENDRIX VERSION, BUT THE PEARL JAM VERSION! THAT ALWAYS ANNOYS THE HELL OUT OF ME!

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I PUT MY PHONE IN SOME RICE 2 HOURS AGO AND IT STILL DOESN'T WORK.



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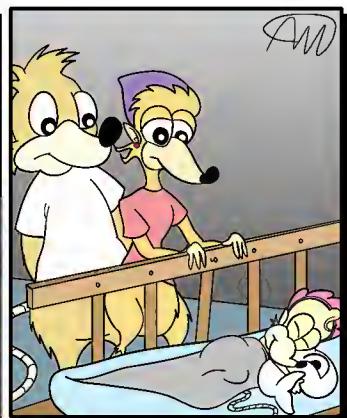
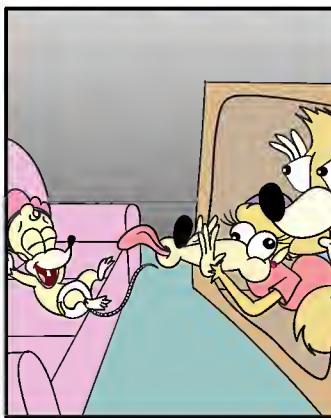
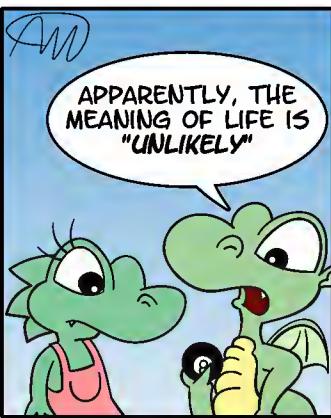
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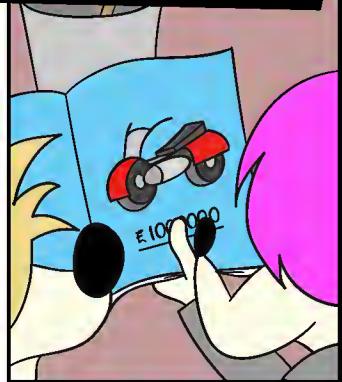
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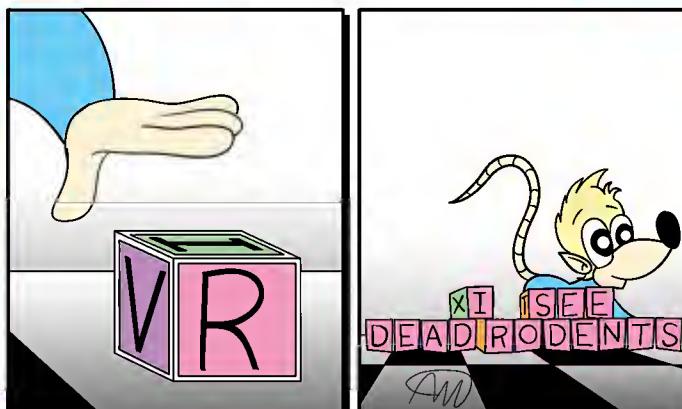
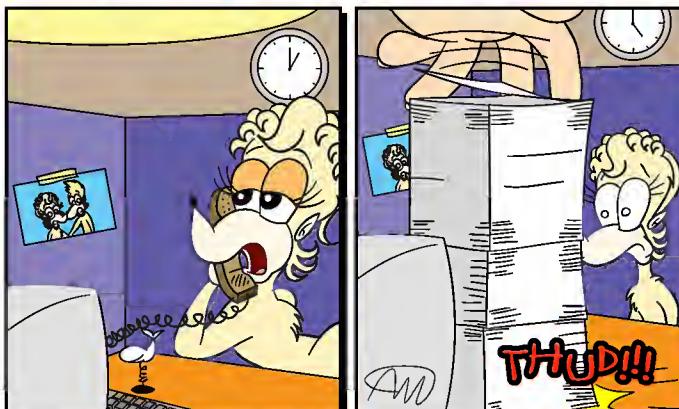
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HENRY, WILL YOU
HELP ME COME UP
WITH AN IDEA FOR
THE SCIENCE FAIR
TOMORROW?

TOMORROW EH?
THAT'S GONNA COST
YOU ONE FLAPJACK
I'M AFRAID.

LATER...

A STUDY OF
DRAGONS AND
OTHER MYTHICAL
BEASTS?

HENRY,
THIS ISN'T
SCIENCE!
THIS ISN'T
A FLAPJACK.

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FRIENDS SHOULD
ALWAYS BE WILLING
TO LEND A HELPING
HAND.



FRIENDS SHOULD
LISTEN TO ONE
ANOTHER AND AVOID
GETTING INTO AN
ARGUMENT.



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FRIENDS SHOULD TRY
TO BE SOCIALE AND
FRIENDLY.



BE THANKFUL FOR
YOUR FRIENDS
BECAUSE THESE GUYS
SURE AREN'T!

HAPPY EASTER.

AM

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SIGH MY
MUM JUST
TEXTED ME.



SHE ALWAYS ENDS HER
MESSAGES WITH "LOL"
BECAUSE SHE THINKS IT
MEANS "LOTS OF LOVE".

OH, MY MUM DOES
THAT TOO. WHAT'S
THE BIG DEAL?



SHE NOW THINKS HER
DOCTOR IS HITTING ON
HER.



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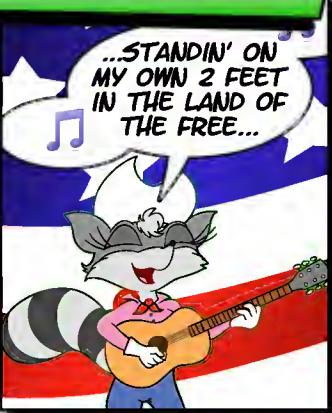
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PRE-IPHONE AGE



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BAND MEMBER ONLY



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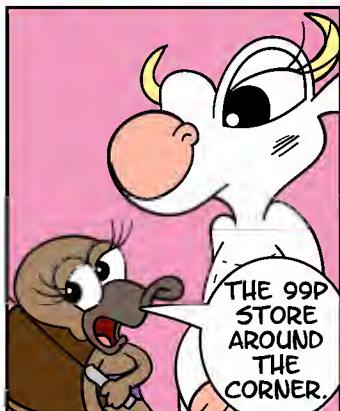
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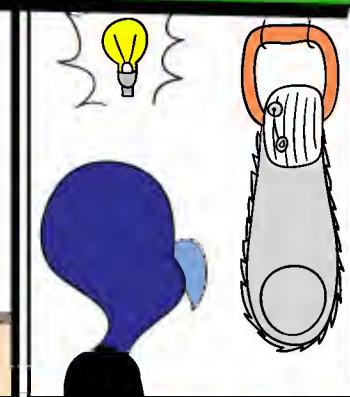
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AND FOOL

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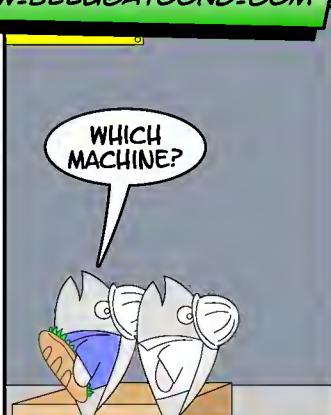
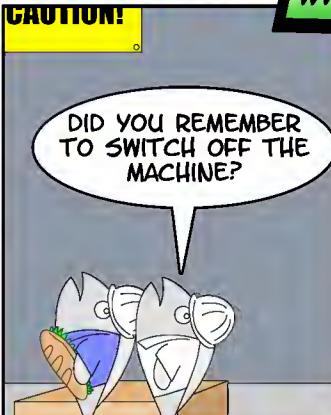
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CAUTION!

DID YOU REMEMBER
TO SWITCH OFF THE
MACHINE?

WHICH
MACHINE?



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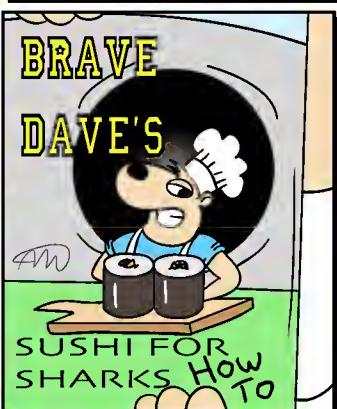
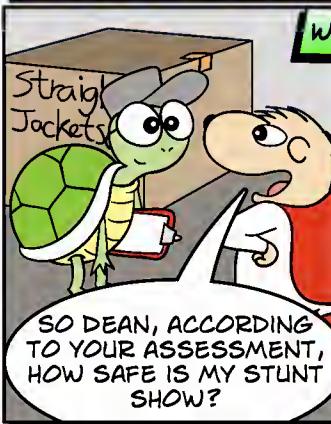
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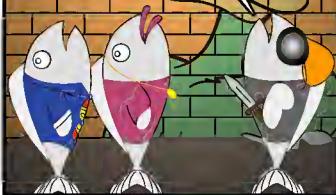
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GIVE ME ALL YOUR MONEY! AND THAT NECKLACE TOO!

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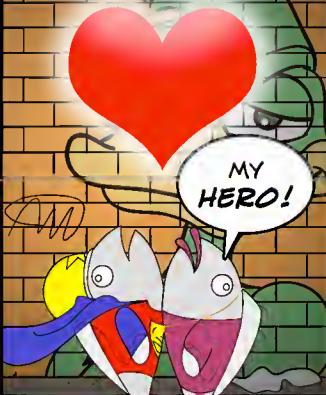
SOMEONE HELP ME!

SHUT UP!
ALRIGHT
THAT DOES
IT!



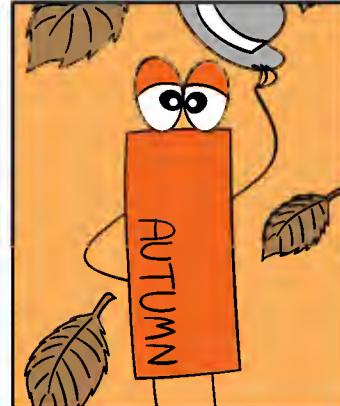
NOT SO
FAST! IT
IS I,
**SUPER
SOLE!**

SUPER
SOLE? I'M
OUTTA HERE!



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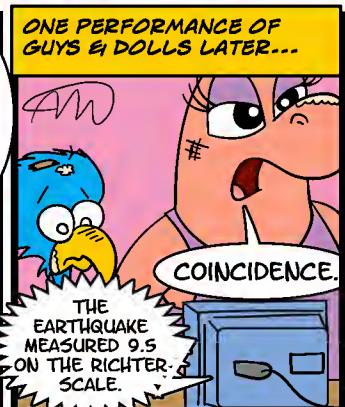
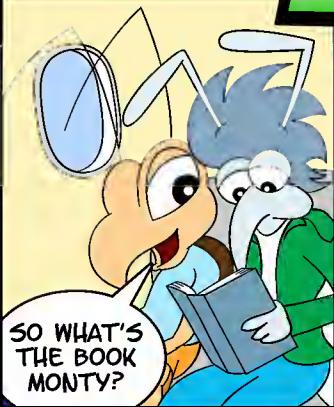
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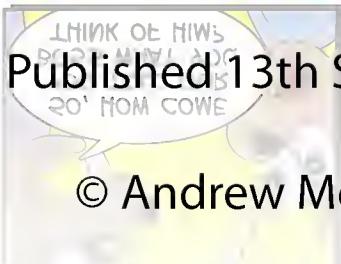
Fairytales with Fish

RED RIDING HOOD



JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

I NEVER SHOULD HAVE SOLD THAT COW!



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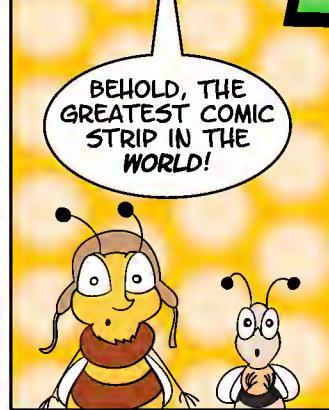
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MONDAY



TUESDAY



JUNGLE BOOGIE,
JUNGLE BOOGIE

WEDNESDAY



WAIT, DIDN'T
THEY PLAY
THIS SONG
YESTERDAY?

THURSDAY



JUNGLE BOOGIE,
JUNGLE BOOGIE

FRIDAY



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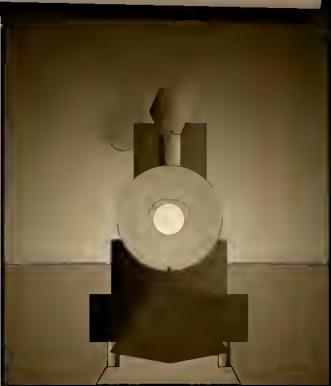
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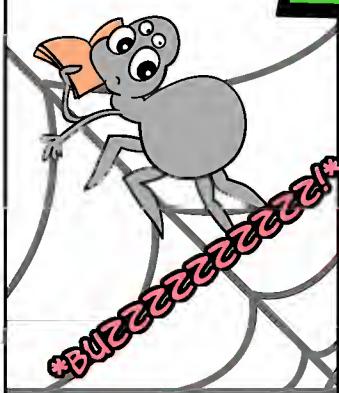


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DOGS



CATS

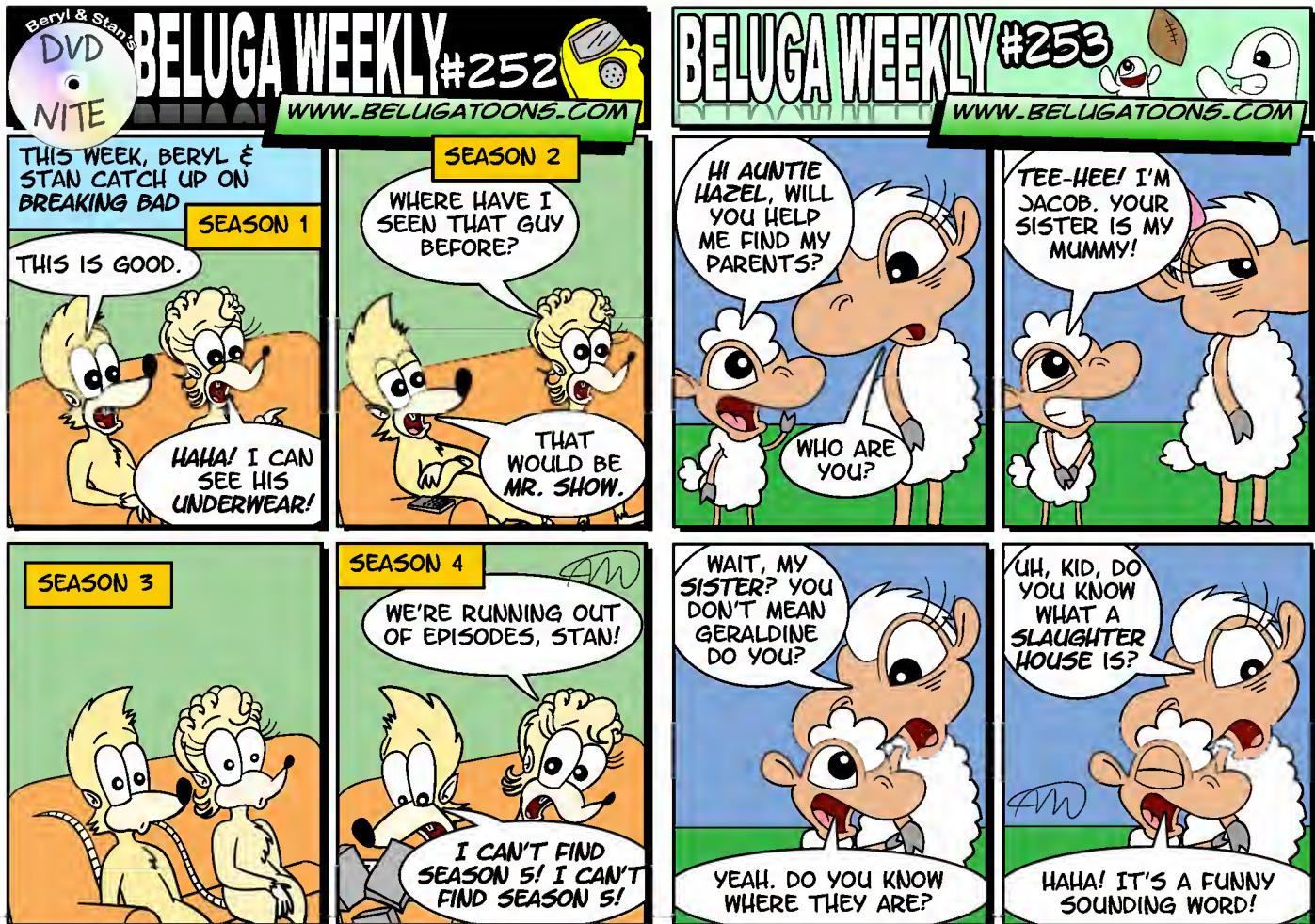


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AND THAT'S
WHY I MUST
ASK FOR YOUR
FORGIVENESS
CRATCHETT.

EVERY
SPIRIT
READY?

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HAPPY NEW
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THIS YEAR HAS
BROUGHT MANY
CHALLENGING
FEATS...

BUT THAT ISN'T
NECESSARILY A BAD
THING IS IT?

WOOOOOOOOOOOO!

AAAAAAARRRRGH!!!
GHOSTS!!!

DREADFUL
APPARITIONS.
WHY DO YOU
TROUBLE ME?

FOR WE KNOW THAT
WE ARE GOOD AT
THIS JOB...

AND THAT'S ALL THAT
MATTERS.

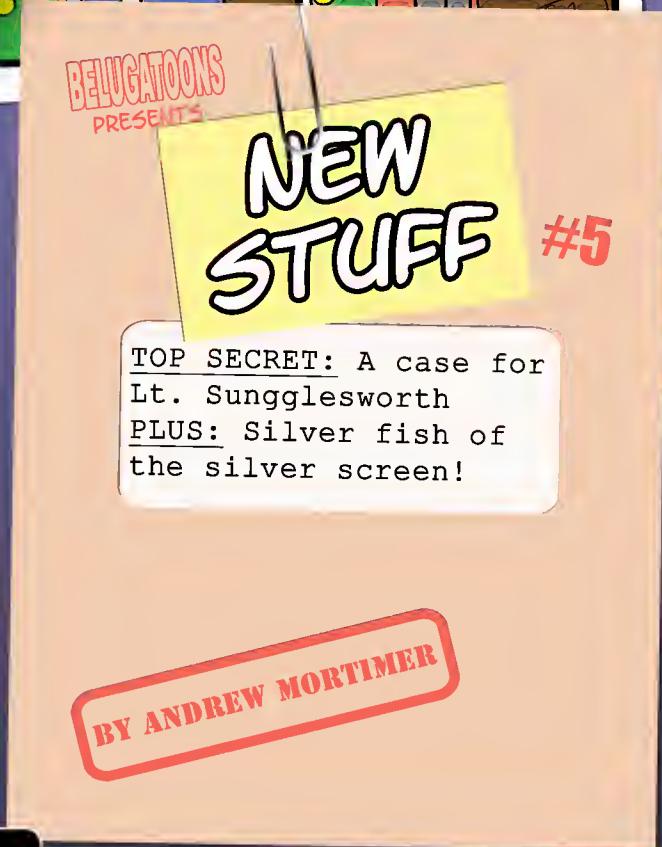
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THEATRE!

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